

IN RECOGNITION OF INVESTIGATOR JEAN PIERRE GRILLO UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jean Pierre Grillo who will retire after 26 years as Investigator for the State's Attorney's office at the Tolland Judicial District, located in Union, Connecticut. The State's Attorney's office handles all prosecution of criminal offenses from minor infractions to major felonies. The Investigator's role is to be a liaison between all police departments, local and state, as well as to coordinate the State's Attorney's arraignments, bond hearings, trials, and sentencing. Jean Paul, or J.P. as he is known, has done an outstanding job over the last 26 years handling these tasks.

I have been privileged to see Investigator Grillo's work up close. Before assuming his duties 26 years ago, J.P. had a 17 year law enforcement career with the Norwich and Danielson Police Departments. Investigator Grillo is also a Veteran who served with the U.S. Naval Reserves.

It was clear that J.P.'s analysis and judgment of the cases he handled was considered invaluable by the attorneys he worked with. In essence, he was a de facto attorney when it came to strategy and tactics in handling cases. I can attest to the fact that J.P.'s experience working as a police officer and his innate sense of fairness were invaluable assets to the attorneys he assisted.

I admire the respectful way he interacted with visitors to the office and courtroom. Criminal courts are high stress environments and people walk in confused and anxious. He always treated people courteously and politely which kept the pace in the building day in and day out.

I would like to congratulate Investigator Grillo on an outstanding career, and for setting such an incredible example for us all in how to use the public trust that working for the people of Connecticut involves. It has been a pleasure having him in the State's Attorney's Office, and I wish him and his family all the best in this new, exciting chapter of their lives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Numbers 334 through 336, I was not present due to airplane flight delays caused by inclement weather. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Roll Call Vote No. 334, "aye" on Roll Call Vote No. 335, and "aye" on Roll Call Vote No. 336.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,256,656,157,468.52. We've added \$8,629,779,108,555.44 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 336 on H.R. 5389, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a weather-related flight cancellation. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JULIA MAE PRIMUS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Julia Mae Primus, a dear friend of mine, who sadly passed away on June 18, 2016.

Julia was born on June 25, 1924 in Leesburg, Florida, where she attended the Lake County Training School and graduated valedictorian of her class. Once she finished high school, she enrolled at Florida A&M University (FAMU), where she earned a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. She later took graduate courses at Northwestern University before obtaining her Master's Degree in Speech Therapy and Pathology from the University of South Florida.

Julia paved the way for African American women as the first African American woman to be selected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod for the Florida-Georgia District. She was also a strong presence in the Florida A&M University (FAMU) community having pledged Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and having chartered the Broward County Alumnae Chapter, serving two terms as the 1st Chapter President.

After college, she became the first African American speech therapist hired by the Broward County school system and served for forty years as a dedicated teacher and speech therapist. She devoted her life to educating future generations and to constantly serving as a role model to not only her pupils, but to all

of us who were honored to have her in our lives.

She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter Juliette Wise, her son Theodore Primus, four grandchildren: Dawn Wise McGowan, Walter Wise, III (Marla), Theodore Primus, and Julian Primus; great grandsons: George McGowan, Ryan McGowan, Walter Wise, IV, Grant Wise, Gerald Wise; special friend Demetria Broadnax, and many other close and loving friends.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Julia Mae Primus, whose service to the people of Florida is a shining example for us all. Her spirit and memory will always live on.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, on roll call No. 334, I am not recorded because of travel delays due to inclement weather in the DC area. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

SUPPORTING ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month. During the month of June, we recognize the more than five million Americans living with Alzheimer's and recommit ourselves to supporting those affected by the disease and their caregivers.

Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, with someone developing the disease every 66 seconds. As an Appropriations Committee Member, I have made it a priority to properly fund the National Institutes of Health so they can continue their cutting-edge research on diseases like Alzheimer's.

As a Representative of South Florida, this issue hits home for my constituents and me. Florida has the highest percentage of older adults in the U.S., as well as residents living with intellectual and developmental disabilities that are older than the national average. These populations are concentrated in South Florida, where nursing home costs are 50 percent above the national average. This is a sobering reality for many of my constituents and their families, which is why I will continue working to ensure that the NIH has the funding it needs to find better ways to treat the disease, delay its onset, and prevent it from developing.

Recognizing Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month is a small step forward in the fight against this deadly disease, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting federal investments in finding a cure.